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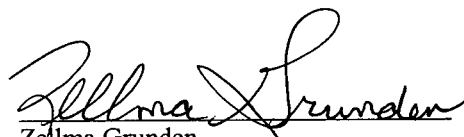
**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Filing Date: March 30, 2004
Group Art Unit: 3751
Examiner Name: Tuan N. Nguyen
Attorney Docket No.: 37995/82816
First Named Inventor: Eric C. Smith
Title: HAND-OPERABLE PISTON PLUNGER

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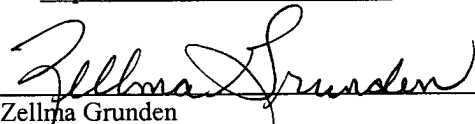
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed March 24, 2006. Please
enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of the paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.